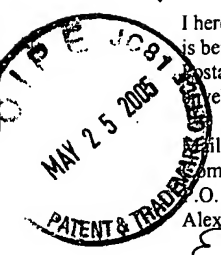


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on 23 February 2005 for the above-captioned application, enclosed is the following:

- Amendment, Response To Office Action of February 23, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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In response to the Office action mailed February 23, 2005, please consider the instant Response for the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Abstract are shown in the replacement Abstract provided on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.